

WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting 1/13/21

Board Attendees: Andrew, Katie Guske, Thea Lee, Bill "Tex" Robohm, Margaret Steinbrunn, Kelley Jordan, Dilenia, Kristina Hagan, Stephen F-R, Ian Winbrock, Thea Lee, Gail Vetter, Emily Baran

General Attendees: Sigh O'Nara; Jefferson Westside Neighborhood Council, Nella and Tammy

Guest Speakers:

- Ben Zublin:City of Eugene Waste prevention

Open Comments:

- Tex needs to be included on the WCC Board of Director's Page
 - Has updates regarding housing individuals, and would like it to be discussed in meeting
- Need board members to sign a "conflict of interest sheet" from Katie. Kelley will create a fillable/signable pdf.
- Stephen: Polk 2
 - Housing for those aging out of foster care.
 - Attended Evaluation Meeting, but Polk 2 was not one of the groups that got the funding
 - This project provides more than just housing, which increased the estimated cost/unit.
 - WCC provided support letter
 - Will keep us posted for future developments.
- We will request PPE from city cache to pass out w/ our PPE packs
- Tex: White Bird may need more PPE. Angie will follow up with Farmer at White Bird to see how many more they need.
- HIV Alliance was pleased w/ the packs, and excited for the hand sanitizer stations.

Guest Speakers:

Ben Zublin, Program Coordinator for City of Eugene Waste Prevention

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Shared PPT: Waste Prevention and Green Building

- Recycling
 - Commingle System do's and don'ts

- Flyer on website
- “When in Doubt, Find Out”: make sure you can trash it, or if it needs special waste management
- WasteWise Lane County
 - Check website for additional information/other resources
 - Places to take recycling that’s not able to be picked up curbside.
 - Master Recycler’s Program
 - Household Hazardous Waste appointments
 - Waste Prevention Resources
 - 541.682.4120
- Thundercans (rules around your waste cans)
 - Single use ordinances
 - Polystyrene ban
 - “24” Hour Rule Expression
 - Cans cannot be out before 7pm the day before or after midnight the day off pick-up
 - Placement rules (3 options)
- Love Food Not Waste
 - Residential Food Waste Collection
 - Food waste goes w/ yard debris
 - List of items that can go in provided one eugenerecycles.org website
 - No compostable food storage, utensils, tea bags, coffee filters, or bags
 - Tips on how to keep it from getting the “ick factor”
 - Commercially composted
- Questions:
 - Katie: Can street sweepers come on days other than trash pick-up days?
 - Look up materials processors can admit, such as they cannot admit a lot of the “compostable” take-out containers
 - Thea: Is there a way to get compostable bins for apartments? Asked to email Mr. Zublin, as multi-family is tricky.
 - Stephen: What’s the current status of the pilot project to accept certain types of plastics? Called the Community Plastics Collection Program. Can be found on the Lane County Waste Management website or Facebook page. Plastics roundups w/ neighborhood leaders, where in the fall there were stand alone events at community centers.
 - Sigh: Does Whiteaker have someone to run a collection site? Eco Generation was the non-profit spearheading that project along w/ Lane County Waste Management. Why can’t processed plant fibers be composted? Ex/ cotton plant vs. spun cotton? Would have to follow up.
 - Delenia: What are the “do’s” for food. Screen was shared to answer question. Any food you can’t or won’t eat.

- Stephen: Clarify baked goods: even glazed, oily is ok? Fine. Big exclusions are papers, plastics, liquids, greased oil.
- Ben at Waste Prevention bzublin@eugene-or.gov 541-682-5034

Neighborhood Report

- From Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement.
- Neighborhood Reports empower the city management's office to show return on investments.
- Angie should get to know Reeney-email Ian at WCC email.
- Used by the city to show the city managers how money is being spent.
- Angie will set a meeting for Sunday
- Please get hours to Angie by January 20th.

Sandwich Board Location Wish List: Those whose names are beside the locations will reach out to set them up.

- Rooted Space (Margaret)
- Old Nicks (Margaret)
- Thinking Tree (Margaret)
- Nelson's (Angie)
- 3rd and Van Buren (Andrew)
- Ninkasi (Andrew/Holly)
- Sink #2 (Andrew/Holly)
- Braille's or Backyard Farmer (Angie/Margaret)
- Walking Path/Community Garden (Parks & Rec, City, County-Thea)
- Falling Sky (Angie)
- Skinner's Butte Playground (Thea)
- 711 (Chris) or Pisces Aquarium

Neighborhood Association Calendar: general vs. board meetings

- 2nd: General
- 3rd: Board
- 7pm.

OHA Grant:

- All money is not yet transferred, Total should be: \$3
- Continue work for prevention of spread, as well as supporting people getting the vaccines
- Vaccine approach
 - Allow for information for science behind the vaccine
 - Show community members that have taken it, and how they responded.
 - Designs including "before and after"
 - Feedback:
 - Delenia: towels put out w/ information branded on the side

- Will check to see if OHA will agree. Initially expressed it was too far from PPE.
 - Andrew: anti-touch/anti-microbial tools for opening doors, permanent bathroom
 - Bathrooms are close to \$80,000 (Portland Loo), will scope out different options.
 - Could the city help fund the project?
 - This looks like we would not be able to do this w/ our \$40,000-ish before March, but good to move on this ideas.
 - Thea: City might be open, but were not months ago when putting out port-a-potties.
 - Tex: Could businesses donate?
- For next week:
 - Contracts for approval
 - Food For Lane County
 - Angie will help write it.
 - Emma: went above and behind for us to pull off the bus ads
 - Bus ads out the 24th
 - SETA
 - Attorney got back w/ feedback from last contracts
 - New Grants
 - Bring ideas to next week's meeting
 - Carry on for the future for bathroom, other ideas

WCAT Subcommittee

- Meet 1x a week on Mondays.
- Call details will be posted on WCC Board Page
- Projects: Phone Booth to help process grief
 - Mobile to replace guardian trailers
 - Promotes pro-social behavior
- Funding for Virtual Art Walk in 2020, not sure if it's going to happen this year
 - Temporary visual art installations, studio tours

Public Health and Safety Subcommittee

- Other subcommittee

Neighborhoods Food Drive:

- Valentine's Day Food Drive
 - Ian will connect w/ Red Barn (2) and Red Apple Market (1)
 - Check in with Ian if you'd like to participate and help encourage people to participate.
 - Could have live events, music, hand out PPE
 - FFLC will provide signs for volunteers
 - Barrels will be dropped off and picked up by FFLC.

- 13th is when the barrels will go out.
- Tex can connect w/ others that have businesses. Ian will get back w/ Tex
- FFLC must know by the 24th.

New Forum for WCC Board of Directors

- Website Forum
- Requested a way to share images, files, etc...
- Andrew will work on a proposal
- Possibly getting an accountant
- Will bring a vote out next week.